Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to terminate the major in Music Education (M.Ed.) will be an agenda item for the April 19, 2024, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
    Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro
PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: February 15, 2024

School/College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department/Division: Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Program (Major and Degree): Music Education (M.Ed.)

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: Summer 2024

Last date students will be admitted to this program: No students are enrolled in the program.

Last date students will graduate from this program: No students are enrolled in the program.

Program Abstract:

The Master of Education in Music Education is a degree program housed in the Mary Frances Early College of Education. When the majority of educator preparation programs in the arts and sciences moved to their respective colleges in mid-to-late 1990s, the program in Music Education remained in the college. The Master of Education (M.Ed.) program is designed to provide advanced training for educators who are certified in music education.

1. State the reasons for terminating the program, and provide copies of any relevant documents.

This proposal is to terminate Music Education (M.Ed.), as the degree has been dormant since 2000. Since 2000, the Hugh Hodgson School of Music within the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences created a Master of Music Education (M.M.Ed.) degree which serves the needs of educators who are seeking an advanced preparation credential. As there are no students in the M.Ed. degree currently, and the last student graduated some twenty years ago, it is appropriate to terminate Music Education (M.Ed.).

2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved? Include specific information on: a) how faculty and staff will be notified of the termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

Not applicable, there are no students enrolled in the degree.

3. What will be done to ensure that termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

There is robust enrollment in the Master of Music Education (M.M.Ed.) program (n = 28) as of Fall 2023. Given that the M.M.Ed. program is meeting the needs of interested graduate students, there is no need for a duplicate M.Ed. program.
Documentation of Approval and Notification

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Department: Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Proposed Effective Term: Summer 2024

School/College:

- Hugh Hodgson School of Music Director, Dr. Peter Jutras, 2/15/24
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 3/19/24
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 3/25/24
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 2/15/24
- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 4/11/24